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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Kazuo KURODA

Serial No.: New Application

Group Art Unit:

Filed: July 8, 1998

Examiner:

For: METHOD OF RECORDING INFORMATION ON A WRITABLE

OPTICAL DISC AND A SYSTEM THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

July 8, 1998

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to the examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, prior to the first line, insert - This application is a divisional application of

Application Serial No. 08/672,035, filed June 26, 1996, --

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-5 without prejudice and add the following new claims:

--∮. A writable optical disc comprising:

a plurality of chapters;

a lead-in area provided before a first chapter wherein recording data are stored;

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